

WASHINGTON COUNTY (UTAH). COUNTY RECORDER ^[1325]

ABSTRACTS (SECTIONAL LAND), 1874-1992.

10 microfilm reels

DESCRIPTION: County recorders are required by Utah law to keep abstract records which show by tract, every conveyance, encumbrance or other recorded document pertaining to land within the county (Utah Code Annotated, 1953, 17-21-6). Abstract Books B-B 4 and Abstracts: Sectional Land Range 10-20 provide a chronological history of ownership and encumbrances for all land in Washington County which lies outside of community surveys. Abstract entries indicate the type of document, note the dates it was created and filed, and name a grantee and grantor. They include a legal description of the property and indicate its location within the section. Abstract entries report where a transaction was acknowledged, name the acknowledging officer, tell when the entry was made in abstract, and indicate the book and page number where deeds or other documents were recorded.

ARRANGEMENT: Washington County is organized into six-mile-square townships, which are identified by distance and direction from the Salt Lake base line and meridian. Each township is identified in terms of range and township, with range being distance west of the Salt Lake meridian, and township being the distance south of the base line. Each township is divided into 36 sections. Washington County occupies townships 37-43 south, at a range of 10-20 west of the Salt Lake meridian. Originally, the county recorder used Abstracts Books B-B4 for sectional land. He began a separate page for each section, and ordered sections chronologically as settlement or activity in that section warranted creating an abstract. He created a separate index to identify page numbers in the books where entries were made for particular sections. Ca. 1945 the recorder began a new set of books arranged according to section, township and range, with separate pages for each section, divisions for each township, and separate books for each range. The first page of each section identifies the page and book number where entries for that section were last logged in the old system.

RESEARCH NOTE: Townships 43 and 42 of range 15 appear in reverse order.

RELATED RECORDS: ABSTRACTS INDEX (SECTIONAL LAND), 23771, indicates the book and page number where entries were made for each section in Abstract Books B-B4. ABSTRACTS NAME INDEX, series 23693, provides reference by surname to entries in all Washington County abstracts. All of the records in this series pertain to tracts of sectional land which are legally identified by township, section and range. Land within official community surveys is identified by plat and block, and abstracts of these were recorded in ABSTRACTS (TOWNS), series 23555; ABSTRACTS (SAINT GEORGE), series 23554; and in ABSTRACTS (SUBDIVISIONS), series 23731. ABSTRACTS (MINES), series 23670, contain abstracts for mining claims. Sectional land abstracts refer to documents in many other series including: MINING DEEDS, series 23669; DEEDS (WASHINGTON), series 23262; DEEDS (SAINT GEORGE), series 23286; DEEDS (SILVER REEF), series 23263; DEEDS (TOQUERVILLE), series 23265; DEEDS (PINE VALLEY), series 23264; LIENS, series 84264; MORTGAGES, series 82705; AGREEMENTS AND LEASES, series 84209; MINING PROOF OF LABOR, series 23671; MINING NOTICES OF LOCATION, series 81372; and OFFICIAL RECORDS, series 7067. PLAT MAPS, series 83898, contain maps of each section which identify property owners.

PROCESSING NOTE: Utah State Archives microfilmed abstract record books for Washington County in July 1973, in May 1979, in January and February 1988, and again in January 1994. When this series was processed the 1973 and 1979 copies were deaccessioned, as well as the 1988 copies of range books and the 1994 copies of Abstract Books B-B4. This series was processed by Rosemary Cundiff in June 2001.

PREFERRED CITATION: Cite the Utah State Archives and Records Service, the creating agency name, the series title, and the series number.

CONTAINER LIST

Reel	Description
1	Abstract Record Book B-Abstract Record Book B 1, p. 247
2	Abstract Record Book B 1, p 248-Abstract Record B 3
3	Abstract Record Book B 4
4	Range 9 ½, township 42, section 32-Range 11, township 40, section 16
5	Range 11, township 40, section 17-Range 13, township 41, section 14
6	Range 13, township 41, section 15-Range 15, township 41, section 36

Reel	Description
7	Range 15, township 43, section 1-Range 15, township 42, section 34
8	Range 15, township 42, section 34-Range 16, township 42, section 36
9	Range 16, township 43, section 1-Range 17, township 43, section 36
10	Range 18, township 37, section 1-Range 20, township 43, section 36